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Focus Group Meetings Planned for New South Regional Park

The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled focus group meetings to gather more input on the new regional park planned in southeast Columbia.

The meetings are targeted for specific groups, however, the general public is invited to attend. The following meetings will be held at the ARC (Activity and Recreation Center).

	Monday, December 10	Tuesday, December 11
5:45 pm -- 6:15 pm	Columbia Soccer Club	Other Groups/Open Meeting
6:15 pm – 7:00 pm	Columbia Youth Football	Friends of RB State Park
7:00 pm – 7:30 pm	Columbia Youth Basketball	Environmental Interest Groups
7:30 pm – 8:00 pm	Other Sports Interests	Other Groups/Open Meeting

The new park comprises the Philips and Crane properties off of Gans Road. The focus group meetings follow two general public meetings held in November to gather ideas.

The information that is gathered will be used in preparing several conceptual designs for the park, which will be shared at later public meetings. The public will again have the chance to comment on these conceptual plans and indicate a preference. The entire planning process is expected to take about 18 months.

Those interested in offering input on the new park may also complete a short online survey. The Web survey is located at www.GoColumbiaMO.com and asks users to name their preferred park features, as well as recommending a park name for the Crane property.

If you have any questions about the meetings, please contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 874-7460.